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In re patent application of:

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For: NOVEL TRANSFERASE AND AMYLASE, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE ENZYME USE THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the first line, insert --This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/298,924, filed April 26, 1999, which is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/750,569, filed February 24, 1997, which is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP95/01189, filed June 14, 1995. --

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Page 172, line 6, delete "Try" and insert --Tyr--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-24 and 44-69 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 27, line 1, delete "or 26".

Claim 28, line 1, delete "26 or 27,".

Claim 29, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of Claims 25 to 28" and insert --Claim 25--.

Claim 30, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of Claims 25 to 29" and insert --Claim 25--.

Claim 31, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of Claims 25 to 30" and insert --Claim 25--.

Claim 32, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of Claims 25 to 31" and insert --Claim 25--.